Poor transmission of DD channels

1553. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transmission of various Doordarshan channels is very poor;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to convert the various DD channels into digital technology for better transmission; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Sir, the transmission quality of Doordarshan channels is satisfactory.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan is presently operating 22 Channels. Of these, 5 channels arc in digital mode. Digitaiisation of remaining channels depends on resource availability and *inter-se* priorities.

Consolidation of media budgets

1554. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consolidate the media budgets of various Ministries and Government Departments under her Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present practice; and

(c) the details of the amount placed at the disposal of different Ministries/Departments for media coverage during the last financial year and the method by which expenditure has been monitored?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.